

Enjoying Mallorca now available via Kindle Books

A revised edition of this 20 year old classic is now offered by Amazon in the UK for £3.99, and the EU for €4.99. It can be read on any PC, iPad, or Kindle reader.

About Enjoying Mallorca

The book is one of the most comprehensive guides to Mallorca, every town and village is mentioned, interesting places outside the conventional tourist attractions are described and the many fiestas and processions which are a fascinating feature of Mallorcan life are extensively covered. There is a concise history of the island from 5000 BC.



That alone would amount to a valuable guide but a very dull read, so Pamela Legge has woven it into a fascinating autobiographical account of how she first visited the island in 1952, worked with Robert Graves preparing one of his books for press, came back to Mallorca on honeymoon in 1954, bought some land on a mountain, constructed a house and lived there for 23 years.

The well-written descriptions of agriculture and flora and fauna go far beyond the scope of a typical guide book and there is an interesting chapter on food and wine. Many excellent restaurants were mentioned in the original edition; sadly some did not survive the following twenty years and those have been deleted, but a few tried and tested new ones have been added so there are still plenty to choose from.

Practical issues such as obtaining a driving licence, having the car tested and managing construction work are the subject of some very witty descriptions which, nevertheless, contain a mass of useful information for those intending to spend their retirement in the sun. Every chapter has been reviewed and in some cases a comment in italic type enclosed in brackets provides an update to the current situation.

The printed book contained an index with around 500 entries but it is not needed on the Kindle version because every town or feature mentioned can be instantly located by entering it into the "search" facility. Because the narrative follows a series of journeys to all regions of the island, locating one major town quickly takes one to a chapter describing that entire area.

The original book was illustrated with line drawings by Claire Baker and these have been retained in the Kindle version.

Independent reviews of the first edition

Ina Martínez Cañellas, Director, Department of Tourism, Mallorca

"I wish to congratulate the author as she has managed to combine an extremely accurate description of our island, including our customs, history, gastronomy etc., with all the necessary up-to-date information of a good guide book... We see this book as excellent promotion of Mallorca."

Robin Young, The Times

"The title says it all. Enjoying Majorca by Pamela Legge is not a matter-of-fact, flatly written guidebook, but a personal memoir of a long-lasting love affair with an island. It really is full of enjoyment. ... Majorca is well served by tourist literature, but this is a welcome, distinctive and highly readable addition."

Harpers & Queen

"Don't forget to pack ... Enjoying Majorca is Pamela Legge's highly enjoyable personal account of life on Majorca and her friendship with Robert Graves."

Harry Ritchie, The Mail on Sunday

"She recounts her life on the island ... part memoir and part guide book, and displays a great enthusiasm for detail."

Petroc Trelawney, London News Radio

"If you would like to discover more about this incredible place, Pamela Legge's new book Enjoying Majorca should be right up your street. ... There is a lovely anecdote about a fiesta involving a devil who became distinctly over-friendly with a young girl whose mother objected. ... It is a delightful book."

The Expatriate

"What makes this book so authentic and useful is that the incidents described therein are obviously observed from life.. ... Enjoying Majorca provides a wealth of information for the tourist and gives a valuable insight into the life of the expatriate community. It is a most enjoyable read and The Expatriate recommends it."

Ray Fleming, Majorca Daily Bulletin

"Pamela Legge's book contains a great wealth of perceptive and sympathetic observation of daily life here which is interwoven with much historical and anecdotal information. I hope I have said enough to convey something of the special quality of this delightful book.... While it is in one sense the diary of a personal odyssey of discovery, it is also a remarkably useful running compendium of information about living in Majorca, getting things done here and enjoying all that the island has to offer. The book is packed with information and everything is bang up to date."